



Blue Banner

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Turkey Roll



Friday, December 7th

8:00 p.m.

Everyone Welcome

It's that time of year again! The leaves have fallen, there's a nip in the air and we're getting ready for another Turkey Roll. With all that is happening around St. Mikes's this is the year that you should make every effort to come back and see the old place. We're only going to charge you a \$5.00 admission fee since we are still soliciting donations to our Alumni Scholarship and Bursary Programs. We guarantee you'll have a good time and you might even win a turkey.

The Basilians and Staff are going to be there in full force so come see some of your favourite teachers and your old friends.

St. Michael's Alumni Scholarship - Bursary Program

In the past all alumni members were asked to pay a yearly membership fee. This fee helped us to keep the Alumni Association in touch with you by defraying the costs of publishing the 'Blue Banner' and keeping our records up to date. Since we are now directly funded by the Basilian Fathers we have instituted the Alumni Scholarship and Bursary programs. Any donation that you make will go directly to these plans that will in turn assist needy students who are deserving of our support. Please help us out by sending a cheque today. Your gift will be acknowledged and you will receive a charitable donation receipt for the full amount.

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From The Principal's Desk

I am sure the S.M.C. Alumni and our Blue Banner readers would appreciate an update on the ongoing developments at St. Michael's College School. I will give a brief account here with the promise to hold an information evening for the alumni soon.

Most people are aware that the property along St. Clair Ave. that had previously been leased to Loblaw's and Petrocan, has now been sold. The property line passed through a part of St. Clair house and this compelled us to demolish St. Clair house and to establish a portable unit within our property line to house those who were displaced. We are now teaching in the new portable unit.

Bedford Green Estates, the developers who bought the St. Clair Ave. property, would be willing to buy the remaining school property if it could be rezoned for higher density occupation, and if soil samples indicated that the plans they have for the property could be realized. However, the decision to sell has not been taken and is at the complete discretion of the Basilian Fathers of St. Michael's College School. Should we sell our property and relocate our school? Such an important question requires much discussion and deliberation.

My first thought was to hire a consultant firm to tell me the exact state of repair of our physical plant. However, upon an initial meeting, it became clear that we must precise our vision of what our school should be, and reaffirm our goals. To this end a Future's Committee was established which was comprised of three board members and three staff members. They in turn established five sub-committees to answer specific questions. Their reports have just recently been completed and presented to the board of directors. Decisions regarding those reports will be taken in the coming year. For now let me simply name the reports and indicate our present thinking:

Fundamental Option for the Poor: This committee was to seek ways of keeping our school available to all worthy students regardless of income. We must do all we can to see that our schools do not exclude the poor, and in all our apostalates that we do not compromise with any form of social injustice.

Levels Committee: We are resolved to offer counsel only at the advance level.

5 Year Program: We have reaffirmed our belief that five years is preferred to four and fast tracking will not be an option. We are watching carefully the Ministry's plans to restructure education and perhaps force a four year High School program.

Extra Curriculum Committee: Their report outlines all of our activities and offers a rational for some additional ones. They outlined the facilities needed to meet our extracurricular needs.

Co-education: A questionnaire was distributed to all parents, students, staff and alumni in an effort to measure relative satisfaction with our present unisexed situation. The overall response showed 52.4% advocating we remain all boys, 37.4% for Co-Ed and 10.1% undecided. The report has now been forwarded to the board of directors and will be considered along with other data such as the urgings of the Church, the Basilian Fathers at large and parents who would send their children to SMC if it was Co-Ed.

With these reports to guide us, I have now returned to our Architects to prepare a report which studies the present school, residence, and arena in terms of improvements to life and safety measures as well as proposed improvements to our present plant to meet our future needs. When we know what improvements are needed, what facilities are possible and at what cost, we will be in a position to make further plans. In my view we are still in the fact finding stage. But we are working hard at shaping our future and at trying to be proactive rather than simply reacting to situations thrust upon us.

I fully intend to organize and advertise an information night for our alumni and I hope many of you will be able to come. For now this brief report will give you some idea of our current situation and plans for the future.

I hope we can continue to count on your support.

Father Leo Campbell, C.S.B.
Principal

The Buzzers Are Back



Barry McDermott



Gregg Carrigan - Head Coach



Dan Prendergast

After a one year leave of absence the St. Michael's Buzzers have returned to the Metro Junior "B" Hockey League. The work of Barry McDermott and Dan Prendergast was pivotal in the reorganization and the teams return to action. The school has responded quickly and positively to the urgings of our students, staff members and graduates.

However, the work in rebuilding the program is really just starting. We hope that our old boys will get behind this venture with their enthusiastic support.

There are four direct methods for you to endorse this revived hockey program.

- 1) Sponsorship in categories of \$1000 & \$5000 plus;
- 2) Program advertising;
- 3) Season tickets: available at \$50 per pair;
- 4) Direct club involvement.

Please give Barry McDermott or Dan Prendergast a call (653-3180) with your messages and assistance. The St. Michael's Buzzers can only continue to function with a solid partnership of school, old boys, and patrons.

Alumni Hockey League: 1991-92

St. Michael's College School Arena is developing plans to launch an Alumni Hockey League for the 1991-92 season. Proposals call for a 12-team league to operate on Monday nights between 6-12 pm.

Groups can be entered as complete team units, or individuals may register on formation clubs.

The program, designed for old boys and their friends, would be organized, structured and supervised in the traditions always associated with sports at St. Mike's.

Call Barry McDermott at St. Michael's (653-3180) for more information. It sounds like a good way to renew friendships and get a little exercise at the same time!

F.Y.I.

St. Mike's Senior Football Team "The Kerry Blues" were the T.D.C.A.A. Champs again this year, despite a number of injuries.

Our Track & Field Team were the overall champions at the recent O.F.S.S.A. finals.

Former St. Mike's teacher Rev. Gord Kennedy, CSB was on Sabbatical from Jan. to June 1990 studying Scripture at Ecce Homo Center for Biblical Formation, Via Dolorosa, Jerusalem, Israel. He is presently Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in downtown Calgary.

The Tradition Lives On

This article was reprinted from the 1990 Hockey Hall of Fame Journal.

Although St. Michael's is best known for its Major and Junior "B" hockey, it is a little known fact that the school was also a powerhouse in Senior Hockey in the early 1900's. St. Mike's won the provincial Senior championship in 1909, and were runners up in 1913, 1914 and 1915. One of the stars on those early teams was Frank Rankin, who after leaving St. Michaels went on to coach Canada to the Olympic Hockey Championship in 1924. In 1961, Mr. Rankin became the first player from St. Mike's ranks to be elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

By the 1930's the school was establishing itself as a force in Junior hockey and in 1934 the "Majors" won the Memorial Cup, the symbol of junior hockey supremacy. The Double Blue went on to win the National title on three other occasions, bringing home the silverware in 1945, 1947 and 1961. In addition to reaching the Memorial Cup finals on two other occasions, the team has won six O.H.A. titles and finished a strong second six other times.

1961 was a vintage year for St. Michael's, a semester that featured two champions; the provincial Junior "B" champion "Buzzers" and the Memorial Cup winning "Majors". The 1961 version of the "Majors" ranks as one of the greatest to ever wear the school colors. Ten players on that squad, including Gerry Cheevers, Amie Brown and Dave Dryden, went on to play in the NHL, a remarkable feat considering the strength of the six team League at that time.

In 1962, St. Michael's folded the "Majors" team, retiring the team while it was at the top of its class. An expanded schedule and constant travel around the province took its toll on the educational component of the school's philosophy, forcing it to reluctantly withdraw from major Junior competition. The "Majors" certainly left their legacy in hockey annals, however. Eight players, plus coach Father David Bauer, are enshrined in the Hockey Hall of Fame. Joe Primeau, Red Kelly, Frank Mahovlich, Ted Lindsay, Tim Horton, Gerry Cheevers, Dave Keon and Frank Rankin all learned their hockey skills and life lessons while attending this prestigious facility.

After the demise of the "Majors", much of the attention focused on the "Buzzers", who went on to win six provincial Junior "B" championships. In 1989, the team won that 6th title with a powerhouse squad that featured Eric Lindros, who is certain to be the next "impact" player in the NHL when he is drafted in 1991. Since the inception of the NHL, St. Michael's has sent 126 players to the League, a record unmatched by any other educational institution. Besides the Hall of Famers who skated for the school, other notables such as Bobby Bauer, Nick and Don Metz, Dick Duff, Peter Mahovlich, Reggie Fleming, Cesare Maniago and Rod Seiling all wore the Double Blue in their formative days. At present, there are ten graduates of the St. Michael's program wearing NHL jerseys, including Tony Tanti, Sean Burke, Kevin Dineen and Rick Tocchet.

St. Michael's took a leave of absence from Junior "B" hockey during the 1989-90 seasons but have returned for the current campaign, determined to provide young men with the educational and hockey skills that will make them a credit not only to themselves but to society as well. The tradition lives on.

Upcoming Buzzer Home Games

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| Wednesday December 12 | Henry C. Crusaders | Sunday February 3 | Muskoka Bears |
| Sunday December 16 | Richmond Hill Rams | Wednesday February 13 | Richmond Hill Rams |
| Wednesday January 2 | Wexford Raiders | Friday February 15 | Henry Carr Crusaders |
| Sunday January 6 | Bramalea Blues | Sunday February 17 | Pickering Panthers |
| Sunday January 13 | Wellington Dukes | Sunday February 24 | Oshawa Legionaires |
| Sunday January 20 | Markham Thunderbirds | Sunday March 3 | Bramalea Blues |
| Sunday January 27 | Mimico Monarchs | | |

Fare-well forever, St. Clair House

The march of time and the demon of development in and around Toronto has claimed yet another victim: St. Clair House.

The house was part of the real-estate package purchased by the Basilian Fathers for the construction of the present school building. It had served for some thirty years as a residence for boys in what had been the Sacred Heart Orphanage, one of the many apostolates of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Students and alumni of St. Michael's will recall St. Clair House as a residence for "boarders", the site of the band-hall before the construction of the arena-building, and finally the base of operations ("Shop") of the activities of Fr. Paul Sheehan, C.S.B.

The sale of land to the Loblaw interests included the south half of St. Clair House. Such was the original construction of the building that to demolish half of it necessitated the demolition of the whole building.

Tepperman and company did the job last summer, but they very generously left us the basement of the 'north half' and to this remnant St. Michael's has attached a number of badly needed 'portable' buildings. Occupation of same took place in later October.

Father W. H. O'Brien, C.S.B.

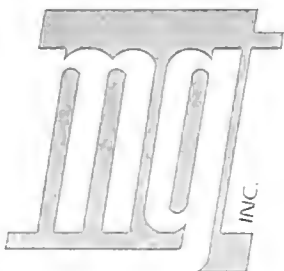
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Where Are They Now!

Larry Colle (69) has been appointed an Immigration and Refugee Board member by the Federal Government. He was married this past August.

Paul Noonan (70) A Major in the Canadian Air Force, spent 1990 as an exchange student at the Royal Australian Air Force Command and Staff Course in Canberra. He is posted to Air Command Headquarters in Winnipeg since January 1991.

Bryan Shaughnessy (68) is married with five children and living in Whitby, Ontario. Presently a partner in the law firm of Affleck Sosna & Shaughnessy in Whitby, Ontario.

Richard Desrocher (71) is a Toronto lawyer, formerly associated with Thomas F. McNally, Esq.

Fred Merlocco (67) - recently appointed Director of Sales, Belvedere International Inc. Lives with two children & wife in Etobicoke, Ontario. Still playing hockey in Oldtimes Division.

Martin Frith (79) Graduated in 1982 from the University of Waterloo, 1986 from the University of Toronto with a Masters of Divinity Degree. At present is the Director of Pastoral Care at Kipling Acres and Albion Lodge Homes for the Aged. In addition, he teaches part-time at Humber College in the Gerontology Program. In his spare time he does Volunteer work with the AIDS Committee of Toronto, and recently qualified for the Boston Marathon.

Matthew F. Chong Yen (85) - Graduated from the University of Western Ontario with an honours Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. Currently pursuing a law degree at University of Ottawa Law School. Mathew intends to open his law practice after graduation.

Bob Keegan (56) has become a partner in the firm of Hack Curran & Partners, Chartered Accountants. He joins Michael Curran (54) a founding member of that firm located in Etobicoke, Ont.

Sebastien Piller-Tahy (84) Recently received his M.Sc. (Econ.) in International Relations from the London School of Economics (1989). Has since joined the International Banking Management at the Bank of Nova Scotia. Married since September 1989.

Edward Kruk (72) Presently Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Social Welfare, University of Calgary, after obtaining his Ph.D. in Social Policy at the University of Edinburgh.

Ross Morelli (80) is a Programmer/Analyst with System Dynamics Corp. in Markham.

Nick Migliore (86) was recently appointed Director of Protective Services for the CN Tower. (the youngest Director in CN's history).

Martin Riley (74) Graduated from U. of T. 1979 with a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Education. Presently Director of Systems & Procedures, The Bay and Simpsons. Married with one child & living in Mississauga.

John Meade (48) a retired high school teacher, is a registered real estate salesman and a community activist in Cobourg.

Richard Gruchalla (73) Graduated U. of T., 1977 B.Sc. (Bio/Chm) and University of Guelph, 1982 B.Sc. (Eng). Presently teaching Engineering Technology at George Brown College. Owner/Operator of Fish 'n Pole Charters & Pleasure Cruises & lives aboard his 36 foot vessel at Bluffer's Park Marina, Scarborough. Would love to see old friends - contact (416) 267-8925.

Brian O'Sullivan (75) began his duties in September 1990 as Vice-Principal at Holy Cross Catholic High School with the York Region RCSS Board. He is also working on his Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) at OISE.

Patrick Talwin (67) Married with 2 daughters and living in Oakville. Recently appointed Director of Finance for ICI Chipman. Previously Marketing & Financial Planning Manager for ICI Explosives.

John Yocom (60) Married with 3 sons, living in Mississauga. Was Director of Marketing for Labatt's Breweries, now President of National Directory Advertising Programs Limited, the oldest advertising agency in Canada specializing in National Yellow Pages programs.

Michael Camacho (86) Graduated from U. of T. (St. Mike's) in the spring of 1990 and is currently with London Life, and would love to hear from all his former classmates.

Drop us a short note telling us what you've been up to and we'll publish it in our next Blue Banner.

Please remember former St. Mike's grad and Toronto Maple Leaf Billy Taylor ('36) in your prayers. Billy passed away June 12 this year.

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